

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 14, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Golden of Lowell in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Golden), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

*Pledge of
allegiance.*

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to making special provisions for the placement of certain questions on the town of Spencer annual election ballot (House, No. 2929) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 12.

*Spencer,
ballot
question.*

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Casey of Winchester, Rein-stein of Revere and Connolly of Everett) congratulating Herb Reed on attaining legendary status in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame;

*Herb
Reed.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Falzone of Saugus) congratulating Boston College men's hockey coach Jerry York on his seven hundredth victory;

*Jerry
York.*

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown and other members of the House) remembering the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923;

*Armenian
Genocide.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) honoring the Salem Harbor Community Development on their twenty-fifth anniversary;

*Salem Harbor
Community
Development.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating Helen Ferren on the occasion of her eightieth birthday; and

*Helen
Ferren.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston) congratulating Reverend Brother Kevin O'Connell OP on fifty years as a Dominican Friar;

*Kevin
O'Connell.*

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Lowell,
land
easement.

Mr. Golden of Lowell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3227) of Thomas A. Golden Jr., and another (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to grant a certain easement in park land in said city to Mark Fisher and Cheryl Fisher; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

William I.
Griffiths.

Mr. Timilty of Milton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the State-Boston Retirement Board be directed to grant a retirement pension to William I. Griffiths, a police officer in the city of Boston injured in the line of duty; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Worthen
family,
adoption
exemption.

A petition of Michael W. Morrissey, Kathleen M. Teahan and Marie J. Parente for legislation to authorize the Department of Social Services to allow William and Kathryn Worthen of Abington to adopt children beyond the family unit size limit, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children and Families.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2036) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children and Families.

Reports of Committees.

Rockland,
validate
acts.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at an annual town meeting and special town meeting of the town of Rockland (printed in House, No. 999).

Rowley,
conservation
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rowley to change the use, the care, custody and control of a portion of town conservation land (House, No. 1721) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House No. 1, reports, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2006 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4000)

[Direct Appropriations:	\$22,408,675,340.00;
Retained Revenues:	\$491,973,176.00;
Lottery Distribution:	\$761,378,162.00;
Total:	\$23,662,026,678.00].

Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of Mr. DeLeo, until Monday, April 25.

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the representative town meeting act for the town of Belmont (House, No. 1725) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Belmont,
town
meeting.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Golden of Lowell being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.